Scientific investigation of warfare practices in Kautilya's Arthshastra

*614. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DRDO funded a project to unlock Arthshastra's warfare secrets;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the scientists from the University of Pune were given the task of unlocking Book XIV of Arthshastra;

(c) if so, whether the research on this project has since started; and

(d) if so, the progress of research made so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has funded a project on 'Scientific Investigation of Warefare Practices in Kautilya's Arthshastra' to Pune University under 'Grants-in-aid' scheme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The literature survey has been completed and other studies are in progress.

Utilisation of foodgrains allotted to States under Food for Work Programme

*615. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMCHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted additional four lakh tonnes of rice to the States under the Food for Work Programme;

(b) if so, the States which have fully utilised these foodgrains;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State Government for utilization of these additional foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) The Food

for Work Programme was started in January, 2001 as a temporary measure to provide relief in the calamity affected areas and remained in operation till 31st March, 2002. The programme was implemented in 239 notified Districts of 11 States. As the Programme was demanded driven, no target for allocation of foodgrains was fixed.

2. In this period, 40.32 lakh tonnes of foodgrains were released (2.59 lakh MTs Wheat and 3.41 lakh MTs Rice during 2000-01 and 9.68 lakh MTs Wheat, 21.66 lakh MTs Rice and 2.98 lakh MTs Paddy during 2001-2002) to the States concerned. Against the release, 35.99 lakh tonnes (89%) of foodgrains were lifted from the FCI Depots. As per the latest progress report available with the Ministry 31.85 lakh tonnes (79%) of foodgrains were utilised and distributed among beneficiaries. The State-wise details are enclosed as statement.

Statement

State-wise foodgrains released/allocated, lifted and mandays generated under Food for Work programme

(In Tonne)

Sl. No.	State	2000-01 Food-grains Allotted/ Released	2001-02 Food-grains Allotted/ Released*	Total (3+4)	Food-grains Lifted/ of take	Foodgrains Distributed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	1650000	1650000	1650000	1536111
2.	Bihar	0	100000	10000	2023	N.R.
3.	Chhattisgarh	207000	419007	626007	626007	626007
4.	Gujarat	90000	58105	148105	136336	119220
5.	Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549	11549	11549
6.	Karnataka	0	100000	100000	99763	N.R.
7.	Kerala	0	5000	5000	5000	N.R.
8.	Madhya Pradesh	63079	188665	251744	211112	176090
9.	Maharashtra	10000	140000	150000	50000	32657
10.	Orissa	100000	150000	250000	246643	200575
11.	Rajasthan	118145	621360	739505	560560	482980
	TOTAL	599773	3432137	4031910	3598993	3185190

* On the request of the Govt. of Chhattisgarh, 2,98,507 tonnes of paddy was allocated in lieu of 2,00,000 tonnes of rice to the State of Chhattisgarh.

N.R. : Not reported.